

Dear Sirs, I strongly object to what I just learned will be taking place with the Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

This is why I object. I am using a prewritten statement which I have read and with which I fully agree.:

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard.

I along with thousands of others who plan to remain active in this campaign. Will be monitoring what happens with this outrageous partisan attempt to sway voters at the last minute. Is this the big "October surprise"? Not surprising-!

Thank you for your time and cooperation in this matter. Sincerely, Yvonne Deasy (fourth generation Californian with ties in the Sacramento area)